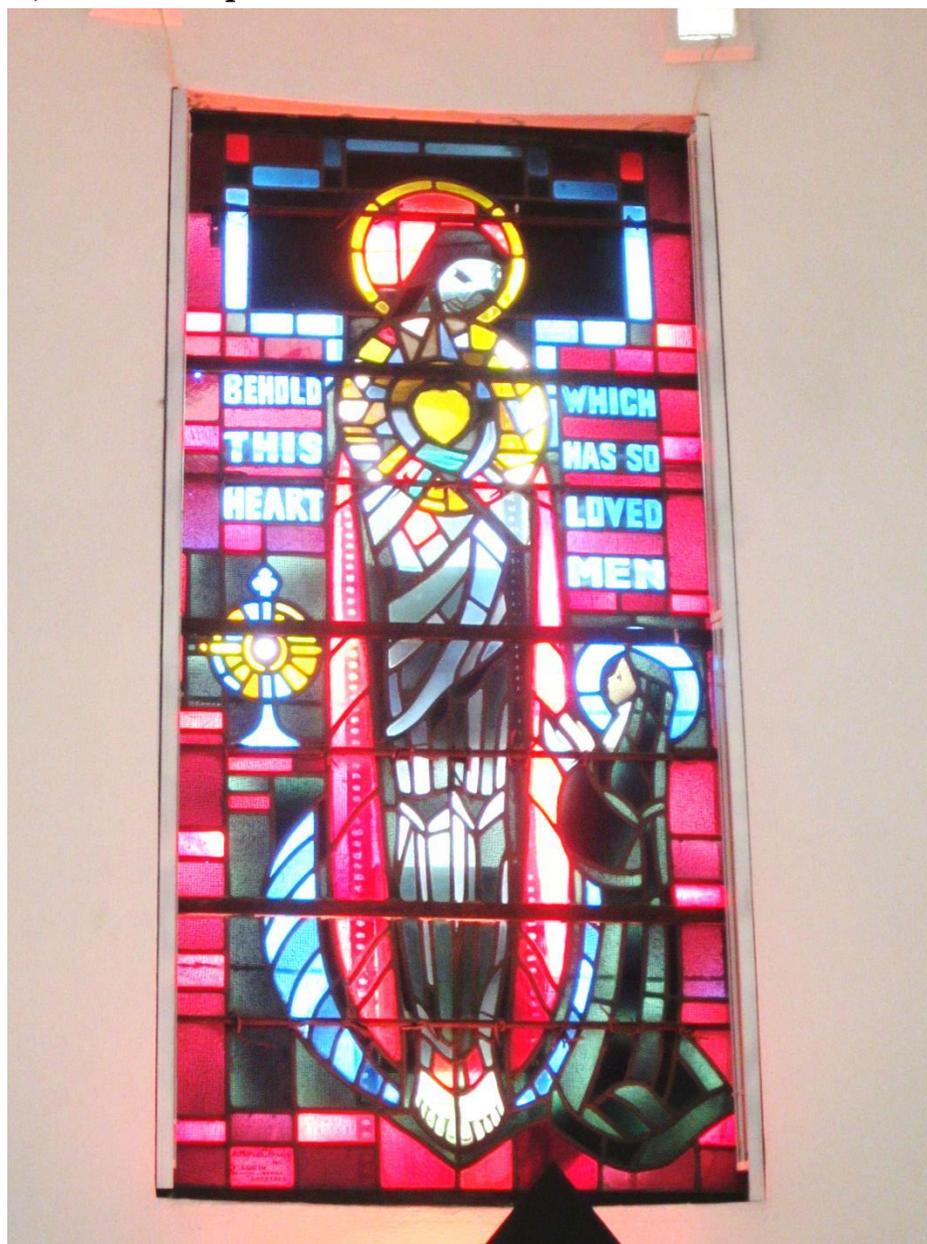


“BEHOLD THIS HEART, WHICH HAS SO LOVED MEN”

The Story of the Sacred Heart Jesus Church, Kuala Lumpur Stained Glass from France

This story of the stained glass, specially contributed, crafted, placed majestically on the wall just above the tabernacle...little did we know about the history of this stained glass, which have been with us since 1960. Please read and find about this glass of Para le Monial from France.

As narrated by the late Rev. Fr. Louis Guittat in 2011 to Mary Wong, Taman Midah BEC, Kuala Lumpur



The Parish of VORESVRES, France has a significant place in the history of the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jalan Peel, Kuala Lumpur. The first parish priest of our church, **Rev. Fr. Louis Guittat grew up in Voresvres** which includes the village of Lautecourt, the birthplace of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque to whom Jesus Christ appeared and expressed His desire to promote the devotion to the Sacred Heart and the **first Friday devotions**. Hence, Fr. Louis Guittat grew up with a special love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

While Fr. Louis Guittat was attending secondary school at E'cole St. Hughes, he often visited the Chapel of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial. It was in this chapel that our Lord showed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary. On 10th August, 1935, Fr. Louis Guittat celebrated Mass at the Chapel of the Visitation and consecrated his life to the Sacred Heart. Shortly later, he sailed to Malaya.

In 1958, when Fr. Louis Guittat was given the responsibility of starting the new parish of Peel Road, Kuala Lumpur, and he named it after the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**.

For many years before and after the war, Bishop Olcomendy was working on the idea of having a church in the Peel Road area together with two mission schools, one for girls to be run by the IJ Sisters and one for boys to be run by the La Salle Brothers.

While waiting for the church building to come up, Rev. Fr. Dominic Vendargon who was the Parish Priest of St. Anthony's started celebrating Sunday Mass in the art room at the Convent in 1951. In the meantime, Catholics who were staying in the government quarters of the Cochrane area began collecting funds for the building of the church. Film shows were shown regularly at Peel Road Convent to raise funds.

Meanwhile, Fr. Louis Guittat wrote to the parishioners of Paray-le-Monial to seek funds to help make a stained glass window. So, the beautiful stained glass window with the words **"Behold this Heart which has so loved men"** was a love gift from the parishioners of **Paray-le-Monial** and it was shipped all the way from **France**. The church pews were constructed by Joseph Wong, a carpenter who stayed at the Peel Road Convent annex.